(iii) A resource of 5.60 million tonnes of copper ore with 0.3% Copper in Dokan, Sikar district.

(iv) A resource of 1.93 million tonnes of copper ore with 0.28% Copper in Kundla-ki-Dhoni, Sikar district.

Gold : Bhukia gold prospect, Banswara district 2.54 million tonnes of gold ore of average grade of 1.92 gram/tonne was augmented in 2005-06. Gold ore contains silver the resources of which was not estimated.

(c) Exploration and extraction of minerals have been thrown open to private investment and commercial exploitation of minerals is done by private sector depending on the economic viability and the likely quantity of different minerals **to** be extracted would depend on a number of factors including financial investment and technology employed etc.

Status of Hindustan Zinc Ltd.

816. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRl HARISH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the financial performance of the Hindustan Zinc Ltd.;

(b) whether Government propose to disinvest its remaining stakes in company; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY): (a) The financial performance of Hindustan Zinc Ltd. in 2006 - 07 is as under:

(Rs. in crore)

SI. No.	Particulars	2006-07 (Actuals)
1	Income (Excluding Excise Duty)	8791.49
2	Operating Cost	2152.80
3	Interest	28.44
4	Depreciation & Amortisation	156.59
5	Net Profit (PBT)	6453.66
6	Provision for tax	2011.85
7	Net Profit (PAT)	4441.81

(b) and (c) There is no decision at present to disinvest the remaining stake of the Government in the Hindustan Zinc Ltd.